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### THE WORK OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

Table #1 shows the status of the calendar of the Court of Appeals of Maryland during the first three months (October, November and December) of the October Term 1956. One hundred and eighty-two (182) appeals were docketed as of December 31, 1956. This is an increase of 22 over the number of appeals on the docket at the same time a year ago. Dismissals prior to argument were running 5 behind the number reported (20) during the same period a year ago. By the close of the three month period the Court had disposed of 38 cases by opinion and 37 argued with opinions yet to be filed.

This time a year ago, 23 applications for leave to appeal in Habeas Corpus cases had been docketed. As of December 31, 1956, 71 such cases had been filed, an increase of more than 200%.

Of the 182 appeals docketed during the period of this report, 8.2% were from the First Appellate Judicial Circuit, 28.6% from the Second Appellate Judicial Circuit, 20.8% from the Third Appellate Judicial Circuit, and 42.4% from the Fourth Judicial Appellate Circuit (Baltimore City).

APPEALS TO THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

OCTOBER TERM 1956

(Period Ending December 31, 1956)

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STATUS OF THE CALENDAR					COURTS BELOW	
*Number of Appeals Docketed					Allegany .....	3
As of December 31, 1956 .....					Anne Arundel .....	8
					Baltimore City .....	77
Disposition					Baltimore .....	25
Dismissed prior to argument .....					Calvert .....	1
Argued or Submitted and Opinions Filed .....					Carroll .....	2
Advanced, disposed of and Reported in 1955 .....					Cecil .....	1
					Charles .....	3
					Dorchester .....	2
Appeals Pending December 31, 1956 .....					Garrett .....	2
Argued or Submitted but Opinions Not Filed					Harford .....	3
as of December 31, 1956 .....					Howard .....	5
					Montgomery .....	24
					Prince George's .....	12
					Queen Anne's .....	3
					Somerset .....	2
					Talbot .....	1
					Washington .....	2
					Wicomico .....	5
					Worcester .....	1
					TOTAL - 182	
*Does not include Applications for leave to appeal in Habeas Corpus Cases. As of December 31, 1956, 71 filed; 32 opinions filed; 39 pending.						
*OPINIONS FILED					OUTCOME OF APPEALS DECIDED	
	Majority	Concurring	Dissenting	Total	Affirmed .....	21
Brune, C. J.	2	0	0	2	Reversed .....	3
Collins, J.	8	0	0	8	Reversed & Remanded .....	7
Henderson, J.	11	0	1	12	Reversed & Dismissed .....	1
Hammond, J.	10	0	1	11	Dismissed .....	1
Prescott, J.	2	0	0	2	Judgment opened and entered for Plaintiff .....	1
**Henderson, Geo., J.	4	0	1	5	Reversed & Remanded - New Trial .....	2
	37	0	3	40	Remanded without affirmance or Reversal .....	1
					TOTAL - 37	
*Does not include Habeas Corpus Opinion.						
**Specially assigned.						

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Table #1

APPEALS TO THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND  
OCTOBER TERM 1956  
(Period Ending December 31, 1956)

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AVERAGE TIME INTERVALS FOR DISPOSITION OF APPEALS DECIDED

Date Action Started Below  
to  
Date Final Judgment Below

12.3 mos.

Date Docketed in  
Court of Appeals  
to Decision

6.2 mos

Date Argument or Submission  
to  
Decision

38.1 days

TYPES OF CASES REVIEWED

Contract . . . . . 5  
Constitutional Law . . . . . 1  
Criminal . . . . . 3  
Declaratory Judgment . . . . . 1  
Domestic Relations . . . . . 4  
Equity Procedure . . . . . 1  
Habeas Corpus . . . . . 1  
Injunction . . . . . 1

Mandamus . . . . . 1  
Negligence . . . . . 7  
Specific Performance . . . . . 3  
Taxation . . . . . 2  
Wills & Administration . . . . . 2  
Workmen's Compensation . . . . . 2  
Zoning . . . . . 3

TOTAL CASES . . 37

THE WORK OF THE TRIAL COURTS

A. CASES FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING

This sub-division of the compilation has to do with the cases and appeals filed and terminated in all of the trial courts of the State during the months between September 1st and November 30th, 1956, and the number remaining undisposed of at the end of that period. The data listed covers cases filed in the various trial courts since the Administrative Office began functioning on September 1, 1955, but does not include terminations of cases and appeals filed prior to that date. Consequently, while the First Annual Report showed no backlog (i.e. no cases pending on August 31, 1955), on the tables following there is shown for the first time a backlog of cases which has developed in each Court during the first statistical year of this office (September 1, 1955 - August 31, 1956). All of these cases were filed within the 12 month period.

That the accumulation of undisposed of cases has continued to grow is reflected in the reports received from the Clerks of the County Circuit Courts and the Courts of Baltimore City, covering the first quarter of the second statistical year, from which these tables have been compiled. The exception is the First Judicial Circuit, where it is found that the number of cases pending November 30, 1956 has decreased. The figures disclose 104.9% of the cases filed have been terminated, thus biting into the backlog of August 31, 1956. In all other Judicial Circuits there has been reported an increase in the number of cases not terminated. It might be pointed out, however, that despite the increase Circuitwise, in four Counties (Queen Anne's, Talbot, Carroll and Calvert) and in the Criminal Court for Baltimore City, more cases were terminated in the past three months than were filed during the same period.

Baltimore City and the so-called metropolitan counties bordering it, and those adjacent to Washington, D.C. continue to report large numbers of cases filed and terminated. With figures transposed from the larger tables some idea is obtained of the activity in those jurisdictions during the months of September, October and November, 1956.

	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Terminated</u>	<u>Percent Terminated</u>
Baltimore County	922	416	45.1
Anne Arundel County	508	438	86.2
Montgomery County	752	528	70.2
Prince George's County	962	838	87.1
Baltimore City	5181	3753	72.4
Law Courts	2077	1337	64.3
Equity Courts	1407	708	50.3
Criminal Court	1697	1708	100.6

It should be borne in mind that these tables reflect only on the activity of cases filed since September 1, 1955. That many of the cases comprising the backlog existing on that date are constantly being disposed of, is shown by the reports of trials held.

The percentage distribution tables following speak for themselves. In later reports, after more data on this phrase of the reports has been accumulated, comparative studies can be made.



LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1956

FIRST CIRCUIT  
Dorchester County  
Somerset County  
Wicomico County  
Worcester County

	PENDING Aug. 31 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF NOVEMBER		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL FIRST CIRCUIT	876	691	185	545	432	113	572	380	192	849	743	106
Law	312	287	25	188	177	11	178	170	8	322	294	28
Equity	326	326	0	173	173	0	111	111	0	388	388	0
Criminal	238	78	160	184	82	102	283	99	184	139	61	78
DORCHESTER COUNTY	105	99	6	111	55	56	92	52	40	124	102	22
Law	37	36	1	20	17	3	27	27	0	30	26	4
Equity	57	57	0	33	33	0	18	18	0	72	72	0
Criminal	11	6	5	58	5	53	47	7	40	22	4	18
SOMERSET COUNTY	177	139	38	95	90	5	105	77	28	167	152	15
Law	79	69	10	43	40	3	37	36	1	85	73	12
Equity	62	62	0	30	30	0	28	28	0	64	64	0
Criminal	36	8	28	22	20	2	40	13	27	18	15	3
WICOMICO COUNTY	322	255	67	197	169	28	220	156	64	299	268	31
Law	99	86	13	76	74	2	69	63	6	106	97	9
Equity	142	142	0	73	73	0	51	51	0	164	164	0
Criminal	81	27	54	48	22	26	100	42	58	29	7	22
WORCESTER COUNTY	272	198	74	142	118	24	155	95	60	259	221	38
Law	97	96	1	49	46	3	45	44	1	101	98	3
Equity	65	65	0	37	37	0	14	14	0	88	88	0
Criminal	110	37	73	56	35	21	96	37	59	70	35	35

FIRST CIRCUIT

Dorchester County

Somerset County

Wicomico County

Worcester County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILEDIN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLANDFOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1956

LAW - FIRST CIRCUIT			EQUITY - FIRST CIRCUIT			CRIMINAL - FIRST CIRCUIT		
Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent
Motor Tort	26	14.7	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	96	55.5	Bastardy	11	13.4
Other Tort	6	3.4	Adoption	13	7.5	Desertion & Non-Support	0	0
Confessed Judgment	72	40.7	Foreclosure	27	15.6	Other Criminal	71	86.6
Other Contract	37	20.9	Other	37	21.4			
Condemnation	3	1.7						
Habeas Corpus	5	2.8						
Other Law	28	15.8						

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1956

SECOND CIRCUIT  
Caroline County  
Cecil County  
Kent County  
Queen Anne's  
Talbot

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF NOVEMBER		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL SECOND CIRCUIT	604	558	46	478	415	63	398	333	65	684	640	44
Law	249	240	9	220	214	6	178	175	3	291	279	12
Equity	275	275	0	145	145	0	94	94	0	326	326	0
Criminal	80	43	37	113	56	57	126	64	62	67	35	32
CAROLINE COUNTY	54	52	2	64	53	11	51	45	6	67	60	7
Law	20	18	2	22	22	0	20	20	0	22	20	2
Equity	32	32	0	29	29	0	23	23	0	38	38	0
Criminal	2	2	0	13	2	11	8	2	6	7	2	5
CECIL COUNTY	233	215	18	167	155	12	128	112	16	272	258	14
Law	92	89	3	87	82	5	70	69	1	109	102	7
Equity	110	110	0	53	53	0	28	28	0	135	135	0
Criminal	31	16	15	27	20	7	30	15	15	28	21	7
KENT COUNTY	120	117	3	112	103	9	68	61	7	164	159	5
Law	63	62	1	60	59	1	38	37	1	85	84	1
Equity	52	52	0	23	23	0	3	3	0	72	72	0
Criminal	5	3	2	29	21	8	27	21	6	7	3	4
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	93	83	10	62	48	14	74	57	17	81	74	7
Law	49	48	1	20	20	0	27	27	0	42	41	1
Equity	33	33	0	21	21	0	22	22	0	32	32	0
Criminal	11	2	9	21	7	14	25	8	17	7	1	6
TALBOT COUNTY	104	91	13	73	56	17	77	58	19	100	89	11
Law	25	23	2	31	31	0	23	22	1	33	32	1
Equity	48	48	0	19	19	0	18	18	0	49	49	0
Criminal	31	20	11	23	6	17	36	18	18	18	8	10

Table #3

SECOND CIRCUIT  
 Caroline County  
 Cecil County  
 Kent County  
 Queen Anne County  
 Talbot County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1956

LAW - SECOND CIRCUIT			EQUITY - SECOND CIRCUIT			CRIMINAL - SECOND CIRCUIT		
Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent
Motor Tort	214	100.0	Adoption	24	16.5	Bastardy	8	14.3
Other Tort	8	3.7	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	72	49.7	Desertion & Non-Support	4	7.1
Confessed Judgments	95	44.4	Foreclosure	14	9.6	Other Criminal	44	78.6
Other Contract	32	14.9	Other Equity	35	24.2			
Condemnation	6	2.8						
Habeas Corpus	1	.6						
Other Law	55	25.7						

Table #3

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING

THIRD CIRCUIT  
Baltimore County  
Harford County

FOURTH CIRCUIT  
Allegany County  
Garrett County  
Washington County

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IN THE THIRD AND FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUITS OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1956

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF NOVEMBER		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL - THIRD CIRCUIT	2526	2247	279	1143	1011	1327	561	515	46	3108	2743	365
Law	1209	1031	178	441	391	50	187	180	7	1463	1242	221
Equity	1131	1131	0	484	484	0	226	226	0	1389	1389	0
Criminal	186	85	101	218	136	82	148	109	39	256	112	144
BALTIMORE COUNTY	2207	1946	261	922	812	110	416	384	32	2713	2374	339
Law	1059	892	167	342	297	45	123	120	3	1278	1069	209
Equity	977	977	0	400	400	0	161	161	0	1216	1216	0
Criminal	171	77	94	180	115	65	132	103	29	219	89	130
HARFORD COUNTY	319	301	18	221	199	22	145	131	14	395	369	26
Law	150	139	11	99	94	5	64	60	4	185	173	12
Equity	154	154	0	84	84	0	65	65	0	173	173	0
Criminal	15	8	7	38	21	17	16	6	10	37	23	14
TOTAL - FOURTH CIRCUIT	610	499	111	753	649	104	676	532	144	687	616	71
Law	207	181	26	317	295	22	258	243	15	266	225	41
Equity	303	303	0	236	236	0	189	189	0	350	350	0
Criminal	100	15	85	200	118	82	229	100	129	71	41	30
ALLEGANY COUNTY	253	200	53	302	275	27	290	243	47	265	232	33
Law	76	55	21	148	138	10	135	125	10	89	68	21
Equity	143	143	0	105	105	0	84	84	0	164	164	0
Criminal	34	2	32	49	32	17	71	34	37	12	0	12
GARRETT COUNTY	100	87	13	100	87	13	85	71	14	115	103	12
Law	37	34	3	42	40	2	30	30	0	49	44	5
Equity	42	42	0	20	20	0	25	25	0	37	37	0
Criminal	21	11	10	38	27	11	30	16	14	29	22	7
WASHINGTON COUNTY	257	212	45	351	287	64	301	218	83	307	281	26
Law	94	92	2	127	117	10	93	88	5	128	113	15
Equity	118	118	0	111	111	0	80	80	0	149	149	0
Criminal	45	2	43	113	59	54	128	50	78	30	19	11

Table #3

THIRD CIRCUIT  
Baltimore County  
Harford County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1956

LAW - THIRD CIRCUIT			EQUITY - THIRD CIRCUIT			CRIMINAL - THIRD CIRCUIT		
Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent
Motor Tort	112	28.7	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	188	38.84	Bastardy	12	8.9
Other Tort	18	4.6	Adoption	62	12.81	Desertion & Non-Support	37	27.1
Confessed Judgment	54	13.8	Foreclosure	77	15.91	Other Criminal	87	64.0
Other Contract	128	32.6	Other	157	32.44			
Condemnation	3	.8						
Habeas Corpus	11	2.8						
Other Law	65	16.7						

FOURTH CIRCUIT  
 Allegany County  
 Garrett County  
 Washington County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1956

LAW - FOURTH CIRCUIT			EQUITY - FOURTH CIRCUIT			CRIMINAL - FOURTH CIRCUIT		
Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent
Motor Tort	52	17.6	Adoption	27	11.4	Bastardy	12	10.2
Other Tort	45	15.3	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	149	63.1	Desertion & Non-Support	3	2.5
Confessed Judgment	87	29.5	Foreclosure	12	5.1	Other Criminal	103	87.3
Other Contract	6	2.	Other	48	20.4			
Condemnation	22	7.4						
Habeas Corpus	11	3.7						
Other Law	72	24.5						

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE FIFTH AND SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUITS OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1956

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Anne Arundel County  
Carroll County  
Howard County

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Frederick County  
Montgomery County

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	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF NOVEMBER		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL - FIFTH CIRCUIT	1208	1126	82	796	751	45	733	653	80	1271	1224	47
Law	477	451	26	390	382	8	363	348	15	504	485	19
Equity	540	540	0	259	259	0	183	183	0	616	616	0
Criminal	191	135	56	147	110	37	187	122	65	151	123	28
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	874	837	37	508	488	20	438	415	23	944	910	34
Law	342	327	15	225	220	5	203	196	7	364	351	13
Equity	434	434	0	189	189	0	133	133	0	490	490	0
Criminal	98	76	22	94	79	15	102	86	16	90	69	21
CARROLL COUNTY	192	162	30	154	139	15	168	130	38	178	171	7
Law	109	99	10	104	101	3	106	98	8	107	102	5
Equity	52	52	0	35	35	0	24	24	0	63	63	0
Criminal	31	11	20	15	3	12	38	8	30	8	6	2
HOWARD COUNTY	142	127	15	134	124	10	127	108	19	142	143	6
Law	26	25	1	61	61	0	54	54	0	33	32	1
Equity	54	54	0	35	35	0	26	26	0	63	63	0
Criminal	62	48	14	38	28	10	47	28	19	53	48	5
TOTAL - SIXTH CIRCUIT	1567	1405	162	980	888	92	737	619	118	1810	1674	136
Law	782	729	53	409	382	20	295	267	28	896	851	45
Equity	611	611	0	385	385	0	296	296	0	700	700	0
Criminal	174	65	109	186	114	72	146	56	90	214	123	91
FREDERICK COUNTY	279	237	42	228	200	28	209	155	54	298	282	16
Law	105	102	3	83	82	1	75	74	1	113	110	3
Equity	127	127	0	78	78	0	48	48	0	157	157	0
Criminal	47	8	39	67	40	27	86	33	53	28	15	13
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	1288	1168	120	752	688	64	528	464	64	1512	1392	120
Law	677	627	50	326	307	19	220	193	27	783	741	42
Equity	484	484	0	307	307	0	248	248	0	543	543	0
Criminal	127	57	70	119	74	45	60	23	37	186	108	78



FIFTH CIRCUIT  
 Anne Arundel County  
 Carroll County  
 Howard County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1956

LAW - FIFTH CIRCUIT	Total Cases	Percent	EQUITY - FIFTH CIRCUIT	Total Cases	Percent	CRIMINAL - FIFTH CIRCUIT	Total Cases	Percent
Kind of Case	382	100.0	Kind of Case	259	100.0	Kind of Case	110	100.0
Motor Tort	40	10.5	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	123	47.5	Bastardy	12	10.9
Other Tort	19	5.0	Adoption	30	11.6	Desertion & Non-Support	8	7.3
Confessed Judgment	110	28.8	Foreclosure	46	17.7	Other Criminal	90	81.8
Other Contract	131	34.3	Other	60	23.2			
Condemnation	4	1.0						
Habeas Corpus	20	5.2						
Other Law	58	15.2						

SIXTH CIRCUIT  
Frederick County  
Montgomery County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1956

LAW - SIXTH CIRCUIT			EQUITY - SIXTH CIRCUIT			CRIMINAL - SIXTH CIRCUIT		
Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent
Motor Tort	63	16.2	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	208	54.1	Bastardy	11	9.6
Other Tort	21	5.4	Adoption	53	13.8	Desertion & Non-Support	0	0
Confessed Judgment	101	26.0	Foreclosure	26	6.7	Other Criminal	103	90.4
Other Contract	118	30.3	Other	98	25.4			
Condemnation	6	1.5						
Habeas Corpus	3	.8						
Other Law	77	19.8						

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1956

SEVENTH CIRCUIT  
Calvert County  
Charles County  
Prince Georges County  
St. Marys County

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	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF NOVEMBER		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL SEVENTH CIRCUIT	2279	1774	505	1325	1004	321	1157	752	405	2447	2026	421
Law	888	753	135	429	331	98	310	214	96	1007	870	137
Equity	870	870	0	488	488	0	351	351	0	1007	1007	0
Criminal	521	151	370	408	185	223	496	187	309	433	149	284
CALVERT COUNTY	148	74	74	141	45	96	151	29	122	138	90	48
Law	67	30	37	66	18	48	71	10	61	62	38	24
Equity	39	39	0	13	13	0	10	10	0	42	42	0
Criminal	42	5	37	62	14	48	70	9	61	34	10	24
CHARLES COUNTY	146	126	20	112	107	5	107	91	16	151	142	9
Law	50	42	8	42	40	2	36	34	2	56	48	8
Equity	56	56	0	24	24	0	17	17	0	63	63	0
Criminal	40	28	12	46	43	3	54	40	14	32	31	1
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	1775	1391	384	962	757	205	838	581	257	1892	1567	332
Law	682	601	81	276	233	43	186	153	33	772	681	91
Equity	691	691	0	409	409	0	305	305	0	795	795	0
Criminal	402	99	303	277	115	162	347	123	224	332	91	241
ST. MARY'S COUNTY	210	183	27	110	95	15	61	51	10	259	227	32
Law	82	80	9	45	40	5	17	17	0	117	103	14
Equity	84	84	0	42	42	0	19	19	0	107	107	0
Criminal	37	19	18	23	13	10	25	15	10	35	17	18

Table #3

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1956

SEVENTH CIRCUIT

Calvert County  
Charles County  
Prince George's County  
St. Mary's County

LAW - SEVENTH CIRCUIT	Total Cases	Percent	EQUITY - SEVENTH CIRCUIT	Total Cases	Percent	CRIMINAL - SEVENTH CIRCUIT	Total Cases	Percent
Kind of Case	331	100.0	Kind of Case	488	100.0	Kind of Case	185	100.0
Motor Tort	65	19.6	Adoption	56	11.5	Bastardy	28	15.2
Other Tort	20	6.0	Divorce, Nullity Maintenance	286	58.6	Desertion & Non-Support	6	3.2
Confessed Judgments	78	23.6	Foreclosure	58	11.9	Other Criminal	151	81.6
Other Contract	53	16.0	Other Equity	88	18.0			
Condemnation	6	1.8						
Habeas Corpus	12	3.6						
Other Law	97	29.4						

Of the 286 Divorce, Nullity and Maintenance cases filed, 245 (85.7%) were filed in Prince George's County.

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE  
COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY

EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1956

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF NOVEMBER		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL - LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY	9304	8579	725	5181	4637	544	3753	3187	566	10732	10029	703
TOTAL - LAW COURTS	4459	3819	640	2077	1824	253*	1337	1095	242	5199	4548	651
Superior	2425	2288	137	1075	1033	42	724	706	18	2776	2615	161
Common Pleas	358	314	44	77	70	7	71	64	7	364	320	44
Baltimore City Court	1676	1217	459	925	721	204	542	325	217	2059	1613	446
TOTAL - EQUITY COURTS	4108	4108	0	1407	1407	0	708	708	0	4807	4807	0
*Circuit Court	1741	1741	0	625	625	0	355	355	0	2011	2011	0
*Circuit Court No. 2	2367	2367	0	782	782	0	353	353	0	2796	2796	0
TOTAL - CRIMINAL COURT	737	652	85	1697	1406	291*	1708	1384	324	726	674	52

\* September Term (September 3, 1956 to November 5, 1956)

Of the 253 Appeals to the law courts, 161 were (a) People's Court, Baltimore City, excluding removals and 92 were (b) other appeals.

Of the 291 appeals to Criminal Court 181 were (a) traffic violations and 110 were (b) other appeals.

DOMESTIC INFORMATION  
CRIMINAL COURT

Total Filed during period -	286
Open September 1, 1956 - -	380
Stets stricken out - - - -	16
Probation without verdict-stricken out - - - - -	--
Total- - - -	682
Disposed of in court- - - -	378
Open end of November- - - -	304

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN THE COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY

SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 - NOVEMBER 30, 1956

LAW COURTS			EQUITY *			CRIMINAL		
SUPERIOR, COMMON PLEAS, BALTIMORE CITY COURT	Total Cases	Percent	CIRCUIT COURT CIRCUIT COURT No. 2	Total Cases	Percent	CRIMINAL COURT OF BALTIMORE	Total Cases	Percent
Kind of Case	1824	100.0	Kind of Case	1407	100.0	Kind of Case	1406	100.0
Motor Tort	565	31.0	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	641	45.5	Bastardy	138	9.8
Other Tort	192	10.5	Adoption	83	5.9	Desertion & Non-Support	157	11.2
Confessed Judgment	246	13.5	Foreclosure	225	16.0	Other Criminal	1111	79.0
Other Contract	542	29.7	Other	458	32.6			
Condemnation	15	.9						
Habeas Corpus	63	3.4						
Other Law	201	11.0						

\*September Term - (September 3, 1956 to November 5, 1956)

B. TRIALS HELD

The table following concerns a vital feature of any judicial record system, and, I might add, sometimes a controversial one. The time averages shown for the months of September, October and November, 1956, must be approached and considered with some caution. The figures are derived from and based on monthly reports received from the Clerks of the Circuit Courts for the Counties and from the Clerks of the various Courts of Baltimore City. Also from the same source are compiled detailed charts of trials in each Court of the eight judicial circuits of the State. After the first report went to press, there was some indication that, due to a lack of uniformity in reporting, not all of the trials held throughout the State had been recorded on the forms forwarded to this office. For this reason, the tables showing the total number of trials held (both cases filed since September 1, 1955 and all those filed any time prior to that date) were not published in the Report. Like action has been taken with respect to similar tables intended for this quarterly compilation of judicial statistics. It follows that such unreported cases, if any, might change the time lapse in some instances. The table, it is to be remembered, reflects averages for only that comparative small number of cases tried during the three month period covered by the compilation. When so isolated and grouped, the cases can cause rather large fluctuation in the time lag in a given jurisdiction.

In Baltimore City the Central Assignment Commissioner is in complete charge of the assigning of cases for trial. Created by order of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, this office came into being March 1, 1955, handling only cases from the law courts. More recently the assignment of Equity cases for trial has been placed in the Commissioner's hands. When setting up the new trial dockets, all law cases pending on the existing trial dockets of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, Baltimore City Court and the Court of Common Pleas were transposed. These cases and others filed prior to September 1, 1955, are the ones which, in the main, have been reported tried during the first statistical year (September 1, 1955 - August 31, 1956) of the Administrative Office. The time lag in Baltimore City, therefore, can be expected to be considerably lowered as the more recently filed cases come up for trial. This is reflected in a comparison of the figures for the Eighth Judicial Circuit reported for the period from September 1, 1955 to August 31, 1956 and those included in Table 4 herein, showing a reduction in the time lag of jury and non-jury law cases approaching 25 per cent.



## TIME AVERAGES

(From Date Case Filed to Date of Trial)

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1956

<u>JUDICIAL CIRCUITS</u>	<u>LAW</u>		<u>EQUITY</u>	<u>CRIMINAL</u>	
	Jury & Non-Jury	Jury		Jury & Non-Jury	Jury
First Circuit	7.5 mos.	7.5 mos.	4.7 mos.	2.1 mos.	1.7 mos.
Second Circuit	6.1 mos.	6.6 mos.	2.9 mos.	1.3 mos.	24 days
Third Circuit	11.8 mos.	10.3 mos.	6.8 mos.	1.0 mos.	No jury trials reported
Fourth Circuit	3.8 mos.	3.9 mos.	2.5 mos.	1.4 mos.	1.2 mos.
Fifth Circuit	10.1 mos.	15.0 mos.	4.1 mos.	3.1 mos.	3.9 mos.
Sixth Circuit	8.5 mos.	9.3 mos.	No trials reported	2.0 mos.	1.0 mos.
Seventh Circuit	7.6 mos.	8.6 mos.	2.7 mos.	2.7 mos.	3.4 mos.
Eighth Circuit *	12.8 mos.	11.8 mos.	8.5 mos.	29 days	1.8 mos.

\* Non-jury - 14.5 mos. (Law)

\* Median average, Jury &amp; Non-jury, 9.8 mos. (Law)

C. JUVENILE CAUSESJUVENILE CAUSES FILED, CONCLUDED AND PENDING  
INTHE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTIES  
AND

## THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY (JUVENILE DIVISION)

	Pending August 31, 1956				Petitions Filed September 1, 1956 to November 30, 1956				Concluded September 1, 1956 to November 30, 1956				Pending November 30, 1956			
	Total	Delin- quency	Depend- ant & Negl'd	Adult	Total	Delin- quency	Depend- ant & Negl'd	Adult	Total	Delin- quency	Depend- ant & Negl'd	Adult	Total	Delin- quency	Depend- ant & Negl'd	Adult
Baltimore City	573	372	160	41	1158	749	333	76	1174	778	328	68	557	343	165	49
Anne Arundel County	26	23	1	2	97	82	14	1	97	81	15	1	26	24	0	2
Baltimore County	242	152	60	30	403	300	84	19	281	189	87	5	364	263	57	44
Calvert County	4	1	3	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	2	3	0
Caroline County	3	1	2	0	20	8	12	0	10	2	8	0	13	7	6	0
Carroll County	4	4	0	0	31	31	0	0	34	34	0	0	1	1	0	0
Cecil County	15	10	3	2	19	13	2	4	15	12	2	1	19	11	3	5
Charles County	12	8	2	2	13	12	0	1	16	16	0	0	9	4	2	3
Dorchester County	2	1	0	1	9	8	1	0	9	8	1	0	2	1	0	1
Frederick County	0	0	0	0	14	14	0	0	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garrett County	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
Harford County	0	0	0	0	47	13	33	1	44	10	33	1	3	3	0	0
Howard County	0	0	0	0	17	13	0	4	17	13	0	4	0	0	0	0
Kent County	9	2	5	2	27	17	9	1	32	18	11	3	4	1	3	0
Queen Anne's County	22	7	15	0	35	15	20	0	36	17	19	0	21	5	16	0
St. Mary's County	3	3	0	0	6	6	0	0	6	6	0	0	3	3	0	0
Somerset County	9	8	1	0	11	7	4	0	18	14	4	0	2	1	1	0
Talbot County	8	3	3	2	14	8	5	1	19	10	7	2	3	1	1	1
Wicomico County	5	2	3	0	31	23	7	1	19	14	5	0	17	11	5	1
Worcester County	9	5	4	0	16	14	2	0	16	14	2	0	9	5	4	0

In the following counties Juvenile causes are handled at the trial magistrate level: Allegany, Prince George's, Montgomery and Washington. In Garrett County, the trial magistrate has concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Court.

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### THE WORK OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

The tables in this section picture in some detail the calendar and the work of the Court of Appeals. Since the first quarterly report of the Administrative Office, ending December 31, 1956, sixty-one additional appeals have been placed on the appellate court's docket, bringing the total for the October Term of Court 1956 to 243 cases. It will be noted, however, that the number of appeals pending March 31, 1957 is but 108, compared with 129 at the end of the previous December, approximately 55 percent of all appeals having been disposed of. The dispositions were accounted for by 109 cases which were argued or submitted and opinions filed, 25 dismissed prior to argument, and one case advanced and disposed of earlier. Of the 243 Appeals filed, 139 or 57.1 percent were from the Circuit Courts for the counties and the remainder from Baltimore City.

Distribution of the appeals by appellate circuit follows:

	<u>Number of Cases</u>	<u>Percent</u>		<u>Number of Cases</u>	<u>Percent</u>
First Appellate Judicial Circuit	19	7.8	Third Appellate Judicial Circuit	46	18.9
Caroline Somerset			Allegany Howard		
Cecil Talbot			Carroll Montgomery		
Dorchester Wicomico			Frederick Washington		
Kent Worcester			Garrett		
Queen Anne					
Second Appellate Judicial Circuit	74	30.4	Fourth Appellate Judicial Circuit	104	42.9
Anne Arundel Harford			Baltimore City		
Baltimore Prince George's					
Calvert St. Mary's					
Charles					

Between December 31, 1956 and March 31, 1957, applications for leave to file appeals in Habeas Corpus cases increased from 71 to 82. Nevertheless the number pending as of the later date is but 14 or 25 fewer than three months ago. Of the 109 appeals decided during the period of this report, 57.8 percent were affirmed, with a variety of orders being entered in the remainder.

APPEALS TO THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

OCTOBER TERM 1956

(Period Ending March 31, 1957)

<u>STATUS OF THE CALENDAR</u>	<u>COURTS BELOW</u>
*Number of Appeals Docketed as of December 31, 1956 . . . . . 182 Number of Appeals Added . . . . . <u>61</u> Number of Appeals Docketed as of March 31, 1957 . . . . . 243	Allegany . . . . . 3    Harford . . . . . 4 Anne Arundel . . . . . 10    Howard . . . . . 5 Baltimore City . . . . . 104    Montgomery . . . . . 27 Baltimore . . . . . 34    Prince George's . . . . . 19 Calvert . . . . . 1    Queen Anne's . . . . . 4 Carroll . . . . . 4    St. Mary's . . . . . 2 Cecil . . . . . 1    Somerset . . . . . 2 Charles . . . . . 4    Talbot . . . . . 2 Dorchester . . . . . 3    Washington . . . . . 3 Frederick . . . . . 1    Wicomico . . . . . 5 Garrett . . . . . 3    Worcester . . . . . 2 <div style="text-align: right;">TOTAL . . . 243</div>
Disposition Dismissed prior to argument . . . . . 25 Argued or Submitted and Opinions Filed . . . . . 109 Advanced, disposed of and Reported in 1955 . . . . . <u>1</u> <u>135</u> Appeals Pending March 31, 1957 . . . . . 108 Argued or Submitted but Opinions Not Filed as of March 31, 1957 . . . . . 39	
*Does not include Applications for leave to appeal in Habeas Corpus Cases; as of March 31, 1957, 82 filed; 61 opinions filed; 14 pending. The seven case difference is due to consolidations or cases in which appeal was granted.	

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APPEALS TO THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

OCTOBER TERM 1956

(Period Ending March 31, 1957)

<u>*OPINIONS FILED</u>					<u>OUTCOME OF APPEALS DECIDED</u>	
	<u>Majority</u>	<u>Concurring</u>	<u>Dissenting</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Brune, C. J.	15	0	0	15	Affirmed . . . . .	62
Collins, J.	22	0	0	22	Reversed . . . . .	16
Henderson, J.	24	1	2	27	Reversed & Remanded . . . . .	16
Hammond, J.	24	0	1	25	Reversed & Dismissed . . . . .	1
Prescott, J.	17	0	0	17	Dismissed . . . . .	3
**Henderson, Geo., J.	4	0	1	5	Judgment opened and entered for Plaintiff . . . . .	1
**Michaelson, J.	1	0	0	1	Reversed & Remanded - New Trial . . . . .	5
**Niles, J.	1	0	0	1	Remanded without Affirmance or Reversal . . . . .	2
**Macgill, J.	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	Judgment Affirmed, Order Dismissed . . . . .	1
	109	1	4	114	Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part - New Trial . . .	1
					Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part - Remanded . . .	<u>1</u>
					TOTAL . . .	109

\*Does not include Habeas Corpus Opinions.

\*\*Specially assigned.

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Table #1



APPEALS TO THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

OCTOBER TERM 1956

(Period Ending March 31, 1957)

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AVERAGE TIME INTERVALS FOR DISPOSITION OF APPEALS DECIDED

Date Action Started Below  
to  
Date Final Judgment Below

12.5 mos

Date Docketed in  
Court of Appeals  
to Decision

6.2 mos

Date Argument or Submission  
to  
Decision

1.5 mos

TYPES OF CASES REVIEWED

Administrative Law . . . . . 1	Election Laws . . . . . 3	Procedure . . . . . 4
Attachment-Non-Resident . . . . . 1	Habeas Corpus . . . . . 1	Real Property-Adverse Possession. 1
Banking Laws . . . . . 1	Injunction . . . . . 8	Receivership . . . . . 1
Censorship . . . . . 1	Insurance . . . . . 2	Specific Performance . . . . . 4
Condemnation . . . . . 1	Malicious Prosecution . . . . . 2	Taxation . . . . . 7
Constitutional Law . . . . . 1	Mandamus . . . . . 2	Trusts . . . . . 1
Contract . . . . . 13	Maritime Law . . . . . 1	Wills and Administration. . . . . 4
Criminal . . . . . 13	Mortgage Foreclosure . . . . . 1	Workmen's Compensation . . . . . 5
Declaratory Judgment . . . . . 1	Negligence . . . . . 17	Zoning . . . . . 7
Domestic Relations . . . . . 5		

Table #1

# THE WORK OF THE TRIAL COURTS

## A. Cases Filed, Terminated and Pending

The tables in this section record the number of cases and appeals, (law, equity and criminal) filed, terminated and pending in the State of Maryland over the six month period covered by the report. Herein are recorded only those cases filed after this office began collecting data, September 1, 1955, and no figures are given concerning those cases which were on the dockets of the several courts prior to that date. Consequently, those cases marked pending as of August 31, 1956, the same as appeared in the quarterly compilation of statistics, represent the ones filed but not disposed of during the first statistical year of this office (September 1, 1955 - August 31, 1956).

Table #3B, which consolidates the figures from all of the judicial circuits, points up the prevalence among the 3556 law cases filed in Baltimore City since September 1, 1956, of causes of action growing out of motor torts, they accounting for 30 per cent of the total. In the county courts, however, where 4808 cases were instituted during the same period, such type of action comprised but 16 per cent of the civil law cases. On the Equity side of the courts, 7709 cases were docketed in Maryland, of which one-half were bills of complaint in divorce or closely related actions, such as for annulments or for maintenance. Scrutinizing the county figures, it is seen that 6235 or 68.4 per cent of new cases and appeals (Law and Equity) were filed in the so-called metropolitan counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery and Prince George's. These, plus the 7726 cases and appeals filed in Baltimore City, account for 82.9 per cent of the number filed in Maryland.

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES

FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING

IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

FIRST CIRCUIT

Dorchester County  
Somerset County  
Vicomico County  
Worcester County

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	PENDING AUG. 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF FEBRUARY		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL FIRST CIRCUIT	876	691	185	969	795	174	880	676	204	965	810	155
Law	312	287	25	396	376	20	348	337	11	360	326	34
Equity	326	326	0	313	313	0	230	230	0	409	409	0
Criminal	238	78	160	260	106	154	302	109	193	196	75	121
DORCHESTER COUNTY	105	99	6	161	105	56	129	88	41	137	116	21
Law	37	36	1	45	42	3	48	47	1	34	31	3
Equity	57	57	0	55	55	0	31	31	0	81	81	0
Criminal	11	6	5	61	8	53	50	10	40	22	4	18
SOMERSET COUNTY	177	139	38	158	153	5	159	131	28	176	161	15
Law	79	69	10	84	81	3	68	67	1	95	83	12
Equity	62	62	0	52	52	0	51	51	0	63	63	0
Criminal	36	8	28	22	20	2	40	13	27	18	15	3
VICOMICO COUNTY	322	255	67	413	328	85	346	271	75	389	312	77
Law	99	86	13	150	139	11	123	115	8	126	110	16
Equity	142	142	0	146	146	0	108	108	0	180	180	0
Criminal	81	27	54	117	43	74	115	48	67	83	22	61
WORCESTER COUNTY	272	198	74	237	209	28	246	186	60	263	221	42
Law	97	96	1	117	114	3	109	108	1	105	102	3
Equity	65	65	0	60	60	0	40	40	0	85	85	0
Criminal	110	37	73	60	35	25	97	38	59	73	34	39

Table #3

FIRST CIRCUIT

Dorchester County  
Somerset County  
Wicomico County  
Worcester County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

LAW			EQUITY			CRIMINAL		
Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent
	376	100.0		313	100.0		106	100.0
Motor Tort	44	11.7	Adoption	23	7.4	Bastardy	15	14.1
Other Tort	7	1.9	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	176	56.2	Desertion & Non-Support	1	.9
Confessed Judgment	151	40.1	Foreclosure	48	15.3	Other Criminal	90	85.0
Other Contract	90	23.9	Other	66	21.1			
Condemnation	7	1.9						
Habeas Corpus	9	2.4						
Other Law	68	18.1						

Table #3

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

SECOND CIRCUIT    -8-  
Caroline County  
Cecil County  
Kent County  
Queen Anne's  
Talbot

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF FEBRUARY		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL SECOND CIRCUIT	604	558	46	868	780	88	744	662	82	728	676	52
Law	249	240	9	416	406	10	363	357	6	302	289	13
Equity	275	275	0	255	255	0	186	186	0	344	344	0
Criminal	80	43	37	197	119	78	195	119	76	82	43	39
CAROLINE COUNTY	54	52	2	111	96	15	101	85	16	64	63	1
Law	20	18	2	41	40	1	39	37	2	22	21	1
Equity	32	32	0	43	43	0	35	35	0	40	40	0
Criminal	2	2	0	27	13	14	27	13	14	2	2	0
CECIL COUNTY	233	215	18	303	279	24	226	205	21	310	289	21
Law	92	89	3	166	158	8	122	120	2	136	127	9
Equity	110	110	0	92	92	0	58	58	0	144	144	0
Criminal	31	16	15	45	29	16	46	27	19	30	18	12
KENT COUNTY	120	117	3	184	174	10	156	150	6	148	141	7
Law	63	62	1	96	96	0	88	88	0	71	70	1
Equity	52	52	0	43	43	0	28	28	0	67	67	0
Criminal	5	3	2	45	35	10	40	34	6	10	4	6
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	93	83	10	127	106	21	118	100	18	102	89	13
Law	49	48	1	49	48	1	60	59	1	38	37	1
Equity	33	33	0	40	40	0	33	33	0	40	40	0
Criminal	11	2	9	38	18	20	25	8	17	24	12	12
TALBOT COUNTY	104	91	13	143	125	18	143	122	21	104	94	10
Law	25	23	2	64	64	0	54	53	1	35	34	1
Equity	48	48	0	37	37	0	32	32	0	53	53	0
Criminal	31	20	11	42	24	18	57	37	20	16	7	9

Table #3

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

SECOND CIRCUIT

Caroline County  
 Cecil County  
 Kent County  
 Queen Anne County  
 Talbot County

LAW			EQUITY			CRIMINAL		
Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent
	406	100.0		255	100.0		119	100.0
Motor Tort	28	6.9	Adoption	40	15.7	Bastardy	13	10.9
Other Tort	13	3.2	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	125	49.0	Desertion & Non-Support	4	3.4
Confessed Judgments	180	44.3	Foreclosure	27	10.6	Other Criminal	102	85.7
Other Contract	78	19.2	Other Equity	63	24.7			
Condemnation	10	2.5						
Habeas Corpus	8	2.0						
Other Law	89	21.9						

Table #3

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

THIRD CIRCUIT      -10-  
 Baltimore County  
 Harford County

	PENDING Aug. 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF FEBRUARY		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL SECOND CIRCUIT	2526	2247	279	2225	1977	248	1247	1083	164	3504	3141	363
Law	1209	1031	178	952	856	96	450	431	19	1711	1456	255
Equity	1131	1131	0	872	872	0	451	451	0	1552	1552	0
Criminal	186	85	101	401	249	152	346	201	145	241	133	108
BALTIMORE COUNTY	2207	1946	261	1762	1563	199	882	759	123	3087	2750	337
Law	1059	892	167	722	637	85	281	269	12	1500	1260	240
Equity	977	977	0	717	717	0	328	328	0	1366	1366	0
Criminal	171	77	94	323	209	114	273	162	111	221	124	97
HARFORD COUNTY	319	301	18	463	414	49	365	324	41	417	391	26
Law	150	139	11	230	219	11	169	162	7	211	196	15
Equity	154	154	0	155	155	0	123	123	0	186	186	0
Criminal	15	8	7	78	40	38	73	39	34	20	9	11

THIRD CIRCUIT

Baltimore County  
Harford County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

LAW	Total Cases	Percent	EQUITY	Total Cases	Percent	CRIMINAL	Total Cases	Percent
Kind of Case	856	100.0	Kind of Case	872	100.0	Kind of Case	249	100.0
Motor Tort	237	27.7	Adoption	117	13.5	Bastardy	28	11.2
Other Tort	41	4.9	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	355	40.7	Desertion & Non-Support	49	19.7
Confessed Judgment	133	15.5	Foreclosure	125	14.3	Other Criminal	172	69.1
Other Contract	273	31.9	Other	275	31.5			
Condemnation	7	.8						
Habeas Corpus	21	2.4						
Other Law	144	16.8						

Table #3



THIRD CIRCUIT

Baltimore County  
Harford County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

LAW	Total Cases	Percent	EQUITY	Total Cases	Percent	CRIMINAL	Total Cases	Percent
Kind of Case	856	100.0	Kind of Case	872	100.0	Kind of Case	219	100.0
Motor Tort	237	27.7	Adoption	117	13.5	Bastardy	28	11.2
Other Tort	41	4.9	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	355	40.7	Desertion & Non-Support	49	19.7
Confessed Judgment	133	15.5	Foreclosure	125	14.3	Other Criminal	172	69.1
Other Contract	273	31.9	Other	275	31.5			
Condemnation	7	.8						
Habeas Corpus	21	2.4						
Other Law	114	16.8						

Table #3

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING

IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

FOURTH CIRCUIT

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Allegany County  
Garrett County  
Washington County

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF FEBRUARY		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL FOURTH CIRCUIT	610	499	111	1464	1278	186	1262	1044	218	812	733	79
Law	207	181	26	730	683	47	555	527	28	382	337	45
Equity	303	303	0	405	405	0	334	334	0	374	374	0
Criminal	100	15	85	329	190	139	373	183	190	56	22	34
ALLEGANY COUNTY	253	200	53	547	494	53	490	422	68	310	272	38
Law	76	55	21	286	260	26	235	217	18	127	98	29
Equity	143	143	0	179	179	0	150	150	0	172	172	0
Criminal	34	2	32	82	55	27	105	55	50	11	2	9
GARRETT COUNTY	100	87	13	235	209	26	153	136	17	182	160	22
Law	37	34	3	139	136	3	176	170	6	107	103	4
Equity	42	42	0	42	42	0	46	46	0	38	38	0
Criminal	21	11	10	54	31	23	38	23	15	37	19	18
WASHINGTON COUNTY	257	212	45	682	575	107	619	486	133	320	301	19
Law	94	92	2	305	287	18	251	243	8	148	136	12
Equity	118	118	0	184	184	0	138	138	0	164	164	0
Criminal	45	2	43	193	104	89	230	105	125	8	1	7

Table #3

FOURTH CIRCUIT

Allegany County  
Garrett County  
Washington County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

LAW			EQUITY			CRIMINAL		
Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent
Motor Tort	138	20.2	Adoption	50	12.4	Bastardy	28	14.7
Other Tort	76	11.1	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	255	63.0	Desertion & Non-Support	3	1.6
Confessed Judgment	128	18.8	Foreclosure	18	4.4	Other Criminal	159	83.7
Other Contract	14	2.1	Other	82	20.2			
Condemnation	151	22.1						
Habeas Corpus	18	2.6						
Other Law	158	23.1						

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LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

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FIFTH CIRCUIT  
 Anne Arundel County  
 Carroll County  
 Howard County

	<u>PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956</u>			<u>FILED</u>			<u>TERMINATED</u>			<u>PENDING END OF FEBRUARY</u>		
	<u>Cases and Appeals</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Appeals</u>	<u>Cases and Appeals</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Appeals</u>	<u>Cases and Appeals</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Appeals</u>	<u>Cases and Appeals</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Appeals</u>
TOTAL FIFTH CIRCUIT	1208	1126	82	1715	1632	83	1424	1323	101	1499	1435	64
Law	477	451	26	932	918	14	739	720	19	670	649	21
Equity	540	540	0	508	508	0	376	376	0	672	672	0
Criminal	191	135	56	275	206	69	309	227	82	157	114	43
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	874	837	37	1054	1015	39	892	860	32	1036	992	44
Law	342	327	15	479	470	9	410	401	9	411	396	15
Equity	434	434	0	391	391	0	297	297	0	528	528	0
Criminal	98	76	22	184	154	30	185	162	23	97	68	29
CARROLL COUNTY	192	162	30	411	390	21	309	267	42	294	285	9
Law	109	99	10	334	329	5	232	222	10	211	206	5
Equity	52	52	0	58	58	0	33	33	0	77	77	0
Criminal	31	11	20	19	3	16	44	12	32	6	2	4
HOWARD COUNTY	142	127	15	250	227	23	223	196	27	169	158	11
Law	26	25	1	119	119	0	97	97	0	48	47	1
Equity	54	54	0	59	59	0	46	46	0	67	67	0
Criminal	62	48	14	72	49	23	80	53	27	54	44	10

Table #3

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Anne Arundel County  
Carroll County  
Howard County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

LAW			EQUITY			CRIMINAL		
Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent
Motor Tort	90	9.8	Adoption	64	12.6	Bastardy	19	9.2
Other Tort	42	4.6	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	248	48.9	Desertion & Non-Support	12	5.8
Confessed Judgment	228	24.9	Foreclosure	84	16.5	Other Criminal	175	85.0
Other Contract	257	28.0	Other	112	22.0			
Condemnation	151	16.4						
Habeas Corpus	26	2.8						
Other Law	124	13.5						

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LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING

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IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Frederick County

Montgomery County

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF FEBRUARY		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL SIXTH CIRCUIT	1567	1405	162	1904	1723	181	1497	1286	211	1974	1842	132
Law	782	729	53	902	862	40	640	605	35	1044	986	58
Equity	611	611	0	698	698	0	561	561	0	748	748	0
Criminal	174	65	109	304	163	141	296	120	176	182	108	74
FREDERICK COUNTY	279	237	42	445	398	47	376	311	65	348	324	24
Law	105	102	3	168	167	1	142	140	2	131	129	2
Equity	127	127	0	145	145	0	119	119	0	153	153	0
Criminal	47	8	39	132	86	46	115	52	63	64	42	22
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	1288	1168	120	1459	1325	134	1121	975	146	1626	1518	108
Law	677	627	50	734	695	39	498	465	33	913	857	56
Equity	484	484	0	553	553	0	442	442	0	595	595	0
Criminal	127	57	70	172	77	95	181	68	113	118	66	52

Table #3

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Frederick County  
Montgomery County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

LAW	Total Cases	Percent	EQUITY	Total Cases	Percent	CRIMINAL	Total Cases	Percent
Kind of Case	862	100.0	Kind of Case	698	100.0	Kind of Case	163	100.0
Motor Tort	124	14.4	Adoption	100	14.3	Bastardy	14	8.6
Other Tort	57	6.6	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	354	50.8	Desertion & Non-Support	0	0
Confessed Judgment	204	23.7	Foreclosure	58	8.3	Other Criminal	149	91.4
Other Contract	264	30.6	Other	186	26.6			
Condemnation	20	2.3						
Habeas Corpus	12	1.4						
Other Law	181	21.0						

Table #3

## LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES

## FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING

## IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

## SEVENTH CIRCUIT

Calvert County

Charles County

Prince Georges County

St. Marys County

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	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF FEBRUARY		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL SEVENTH CIRCUIT	2279	1774	505	2535	1932	603	1842	1373	469	2972	2333	639
Law	888	753	135	842	707	135	519	386	133	1211	1074	137
Equity	870	870	0	903	903	0	722	722	0	1051	1051	0
Criminal	521	151	370	790	322	468	601	265	336	710	208	502
CALVERT COUNTY	148	74	74	180	83	97	210	64	146	118	93	25
Law	67	30	37	91	42	49	110	25	85	48	47	1
Equity	39	39	0	23	23	0	23	23	0	39	39	0
Criminal	42	5	37	66	18	48	77	16	61	31	7	24
CHARLES COUNTY	146	126	20	211	199	12	169	151	18	188	174	14
Law	50	42	8	74	72	2	63	59	4	61	55	6
Equity	56	56	0	46	46	0	34	34	0	68	68	0
Criminal	40	28	12	91	81	10	72	58	14	59	51	8
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	1775	1391	384	1960	1481	479	1362	1067	295	2373	1805	568
Law	682	601	81	603	524	79	317	273	44	968	852	116
Equity	691	691	0	757	757	0	621	621	0	827	827	0
Criminal	402	99	303	600	200	400	424	173	251	578	126	452
ST. MARY'S COUNTY	210	183	27	184	169	15	101	91	10	293	261	32
Law	89	80	9	74	69	5	29	29	0	134	120	14
Equity	84	84	0	77	77	0	44	44	0	117	117	0
Criminal	37	19	18	33	23	10	28	18	10	42	24	18



SEVENTH CIRCUIT

Calvert County  
Charles County  
Prince George's County  
St. Mary's County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

LAW	Total Cases	Percent	EQUITY	Total Cases	Percent	CRIMINAL	Total Cases	Percent
Kind of Case	707	100.0	Kind of Case	903	100.0	Kind of Case	322	100.0
Motor Tort	130	18.4	Adoption	120	13.3	Bastardy	57	17.7
Other Tort	42	5.9	Divorce, Nullity Maintenance	498	55.1	Desertion & Non-Support	6	1.9
Confessed Judgments	134	18.9	Foreclosure	113	12.5	Other Criminal	259	80.4
Other Contract	121	17.2	Other Equity	172	19.1			
Condemnation	34	4.8						
Habeas Corpus	29	4.1						
Other Law	217	30.7						

Of the 498 Divorce, Nullity and Maintenance cases filed, 429 (86.1%) were filed in Prince George's County,

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING

EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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IN THE

COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957

	<u>PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956</u>			<u>FILED</u>			<u>TERMINATED</u>			<u>PENDING END OF FEBRUARY</u>		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL - LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY	9304	8579	725	10,973	10,070	903	8045	7071	974	12,232	11,578	654
TOTAL - LAW COURTS	4459	3819	640	3971	3556	415*	2617	2168	449	5813	5207	606
Superior	2425	2288	137	2174	2100	74	1447	1398	49	3152	2990	162
Common Pleas	358	314	44	164	155	9	130	113	17	392	356	36
Baltimore City Ct.	1676	1217	459	1633	1301	332	1040	657	383	2269	1861	408
TOTAL - EQUITY CTS.	4108	4108	0	3755	3755	0	2057	2057	0	5806	5806	0
**Circuit Court	1741	1741	0	1657	1657	0	1004	1004	0	2394	2394	0
**Circuit Court No.2	2367	2367	0	2098	2098	0	1053	1053	0	3412	3412	0
TOTAL - CRIMINAL CT.	737	652	85	3247	2759	488	3371	2846	525	613	565	48

\*\* September, November and January Terms (September 3, 1956 to March 4, 1957)

\* Of the 415 appeals to the law courts, 240 were from the People's Court of Baltimore City, excluding removals, 175 being other appeals.

Of the 488 appeals to the Criminal Court, 308 were from the Traffic Courts, while 180 were other appeals.

DOMESTIC INFORMATION

CRIMINAL COURT

Total Filed during period -	567
Open September 1, 1956 -	380
Stets stricken out - - - -	26
Probation without verdict stricken out - - - - -	0
Motion for New Trial Granted	1
Total - - - -	974
Disposed of in court - - -	709
Open end of February - - -	265

Table #3A

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN THE COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY

SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 - FEBRUARY 28, 1957

LAW COURTS			EQUITY *			CRIMINAL		
SUPERIOR, COMMON PLEAS, BALTIMORE CITY COURT	Total Cases	Percent	CIRCUIT COURT CIRCUIT COURT No. 2	Total Cases	Percent	CRIMINAL COURT OF BALTIMORE	Total Cases	Percent
Kind of Case	3556	100.0	Kind of Case	3755	100.0	Kind of Case	2759	100.0
Motor Tort	1100	30.9	Adoption	251	6.7	Bastardy	230	8.3
Other Tort	421	11.8	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	1829	48.7	Desertion & Non-Support	324	11.7
Confessed Judgment	490	13.8	Foreclosure	623	16.6	Other Criminal	2205	80.0
Other Contract	1038	29.2	Other	1052	28.0			
Condemnation	28	.8						
Habeas Corpus	118	3.3						
Other Law	361	10.2						

\* September, November and January Terms (September 3, 1956 to March 4, 1957)

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR CASES

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FILED IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND

FOR THE PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1957 \*

	First to Seventh Judicial Circuits, (23 Counties)		Eighth Judicial Circuit (Baltimore City)		Entire State	
	Cases	Percentage	Cases	Percentage	Cases	Percentage
LAW - TOTAL	4808		3556		8364	
Motor Tort	791	16.4	1100	30.9	1891	22.6
Other Tort	278	5.9	421	11.8	699	8.4
Confessed Judgment	1158	24.1	490	13.8	1648	19.7
Other Contract	1097	22.8	1038	29.2	2135	25.5
Condemnation	380	7.9	28	.8	408	4.9
Habeas Corpus	123	2.5	118	3.3	241	2.9
Other Law	981	20.4	361	10.2	1342	16.0
EQUITY - TOTAL	3954		3755		7709	
Adoption	514	13.0	251	6.7	765	9.8
Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	2011	51.0	1829	48.7	3840	49.7
Foreclosure	473	12.0	623	16.6	1096	14.2
Other	956	24.0	1052	28.0	2008	26.3
CRIMINAL - TOTAL	1355		2759		4114	
Bastardy	174	12.8	230	8.3	404	9.8
Desertion & Non-Support	75	5.5	324	11.8	399	9.7
Other Criminal	1106	81.7	2205	79.9	3311	80.5

\*Appeals not included.

Table #3B

## B. TRIALS HELD

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In the First Annual Report of the Administrative Office this section contained tables showing the average lapse of time between institution and trial of a case, and similar studies were included in the Compilation of Statistics covering the first quarter of the current statistical year. Further consideration of the monthly report of trials submitted to this office by the Clerks of Court indicate such time spans or time averages based on the necessarily limited number of trials held during a period of three months, or possibly any period of time less than a year, have a tendency in some instances to give a distorted result. Consequently, tables showing the lapse of time between institution and trial of a case are not included herein. However, contemplated for subsequent issues of the Annual Report are time span tables applicable to individual counties, in place of the tables heretofore published giving such information by Judicial Circuits.

In Baltimore City, a statistical study covering an 18 month period and involving more than 2700 trials has been completed and is commented on herein. Preliminarily it should be explained, as was pointed out in an earlier compilation of statistics, a Central Assignment Bureau has been created in the Eighth Judicial Circuit by order of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. Headed by a Commissioner under whose direction cases are assigned for trial, the office has been in operation since March 1, 1955, handling, at first, only jury law cases, but more recently the assignment for trial of all cases, exclusive of Criminal, heard by the law and equity courts in the City. In setting up his trial dockets, the Commissioner transferred to them 3455 cases then on the jury trial dockets of the three law courts of Baltimore City. When assuming assignment control of all non-jury cases, he added from the old non-jury law dockets an additional 1465 cases to his consolidated dockets.

At the opening of the September 1955 Term of Court, the bulk of the work to be assigned for trial necessarily was this body of older cases. Subsequently, and as soon as the situation permitted, newer cases were intermingled in the daily assignment with the old. As the newer cases on the trial dockets gain predominance, the time span between institution and trial becomes

materially less. This is graphically illustrated in the following chart, based on reports of the Clerks of Court, the first date indicated, September 1, 1955, being the date this office began operation.

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<u>Jury and Non-Jury Law Cases</u>		
<u>Dates</u>	<u>Percentage of Cases Tried which were filed prior to September 1, 1955.</u>	<u>Time Average (from date of filing to date of Trial)</u>
First 6 months (Sept. 1, 1955-Feb. 28, 1956)	95.0	18.0 mos
Second 6 months (Mar. 1, 1956-Aug. 31, 1956)	59.0	13.7 mos
Third 6 months (Sept. 1, 1956-Feb. 28, 1957)	30.7	11.9 mos

The latest report available from the Baltimore City Central Assignment Commissioner's department reveals that during the six months between June 23, 1956 and January 3, 1957, a total of 1639 cases were removed from his trial dockets, 29.1% by trial and 55% by settlement. The following figures, gleaned from a more detailed account of trial activities in the City, shows the breakdown of the trial docket dispositions.

Verdicts	140
Judgments	338
Settlements	911
Non-Pros or Dismissed	150
Misc.	100

During the same period 1844 cases were added to the dockets, or approximately 9% more than were disposed of.

The reports of Criminal trials throughout the State disclose a predilection on the part of an overwhelming number of defendants to elect to be tried before a Court without the aid of a jury. Of approximately 3300 cases tried in Baltimore City during the past six months, 97.2% were non-jury; in the Circuit Courts for the Counties the non-jury trials comprised 95.3% of the total. A similar comparative study of the civil law trials shows a predominance of non-jury hearings, but to a far lesser extent than in the Criminal Courts. Over 56% of the trials (law) in the counties, and 63% of those heard in the City, were tried before a judge without a jury.

The Administrative Office recently invited the members of the judiciary throughout the State to submit their views concerning vexatious situations arising out of the reporting of cases handled in the Courts and Clerks' offices. Suggestions, recommendations and comments contained in replies by the Judges are being tabulated, and the consensus of opinion resulting from them will be utilized in the preparation of a memorandum which is contemplated for the guidance of court personnel in making reports to this office.

C. JUVENILE CAUSES

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JUVENILE CAUSES FILED, CONCLUDED AND PENDING  
IN

THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTIES  
AND

THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY (JUVENILE DIVISION)

	Pending August 31, 1956				Petitions Filed September 1, 1956 to February 28, 1957				Concluded September 1, 1956 to February 28, 1957				Pending February 28, 1957			
	Total	Delin- quency	Depend- ant & Negl'd	Adult	Total	Delin- quency	Depend- ant & Negl'd	Adult	Total	Delin- quency	Depend- ant & Negl'd	Adult	Total	Delin- quency	Depend- ant & Negl'd	Adult
Baltimore City	573	372	160	41	2369	1505	718	146	2380	1536	701	143	562	341	177	44
Anne Arundel County	26	23	1	2	225	198	25	2	225	197	26	2	26	24	0	2
Baltimore County	242	152	60	30	764	576	164	24	688	471	187	30	318	257	37	24
Calvert County	4	1	3	0	15	13	0	2	14	12	0	2	5	2	3	0
Caroline County	3	1	2	0	36	17	19	0	37	16	21	0	2	2	0	0
Carroll County	4	4	0	0	39	39	0	0	42	42	0	0	1	1	0	0
Cecil County	15	10	3	2	35	24	5	6	30	22	4	4	20	12	4	4
Charles County	12	8	2	2	28	22	2	4	27	24	1	2	13	6	3	4
Dorchester County	2	1	0	1	16	11	5	0	15	11	4	0	3	1	1	1
Frederick County	0	0	0	0	29	29	0	0	28	28	0	0	1	1	0	0
Garrett County	1	1	0	0	5	0	3	2	4	0	2	2	2	1	1	0
Harford County	0	0	0	0	102	38	63	1	93	35	57	1	9	3	6	0
Howard County	0	0	0	0	41	35	0	6	41	35	0	6	0	0	0	0
Kent County	9	2	5	2	54	26	26	2	58	26	29	3	5	2	2	1
Queen Anne's County	22	7	15	0	73	32	41	0	70	33	37	0	25	6	19	0
St. Mary's County	3	3	0	0	17	17	0	0	17	17	0	0	3	3	0	0
Somerset County	9	8	1	0	26	20	6	0	30	24	6	0	5	4	1	0
Talbot County	8	3	3	2	37	29	7	1	41	30	9	2	4	2	1	1
Wicomico County	5	2	3	0	56	47	8	1	41	34	7	0	20	15	4	1
Worcester County	9	5	4	0	40	33	7	0	42	33	9	0	7	5	2	0

In the following counties Juvenile causes are handled at the trial magistrate level: Allegany, Prince George's, Montgomery and Washington. In Garrett County, the trial magistrate has concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Court.



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STATE OF MARYLAND

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THE WORK OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

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While the Court of Appeals has completed its entire docket and heard argument in all cases scheduled during the October Term of Court 1956, a few opinions have yet to be filed. Hence, it was impossible to compute with finality the tables usually appearing in this section. In the Second Annual Report of the Administrative Office to be published in the Fall, tables and charts with a complete breakdown of the work of the Court of Appeals will be included. Additional tables are anticipated to show the work load and cases appealed in relation to the population trends in the state.

Suffice it to say at this writing that with more cases on its calendar than heretofore, the Court heard arguments in 214 of the 243 October Term 1956 cases, and in addition heard and disposed of four cases advanced from the September Term of Court 1957, making a total of 218 arguments considered. The remaining 29 cases in the 1956 term were dismissed or otherwise disposed of by counsel prior to hearing. In addition, a large number of applications for leave to file appeals in Habeas Corpus cases were ruled on, with opinions written in the vast majority.

Computing the average time between docketing of an appeal and final disposition tentatively at just over five months, the reputation of the court for promptness is enhanced. The time average between docketing a case and the hearing of argument is exactly 4.1 months.

While there were appeals from every circuit throughout the State, 44 percent of the cases were appealed from the courts of Baltimore City, and 37 percent from the metropolitan counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery and Prince George's. The subject matter of cases varied greatly,

there being, for example, 29 criminal matters, 23 contracts, 30 appeals classified as negligence cases, and 13 zoning appeals.

Designations to jurisdictions outside their "home" Circuits were accepted by several trial judges during the past nine months and, under constitutional authority vested in the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, they were assigned to preside and hear cases in the courts of Circuits other than the one of which their own county court was a part. Eight of the trial judges at different times sat with the Appellate Court, and wrote 114 of that Court's majority opinions. The regular members of the Court averaged approximately 39.9 majority opinions per judge. As to the outcome of appeals decided, more than 60 percent were affirmed.

THE WORK OF THE TRIAL COURTS

The tables following depict statistically the number of law, equity and criminal cases and appeals filed, terminated and pending in the State of Maryland, over the period covered by this compilation. Accompanying these are tables showing the percentage distributions as to types of cases, with those having to do with contracts far in the lead on the law side. Divorce and kindred matters are in the majority among Equity cases. A percentage distribution table on a statewide basis will be computed from the Circuit figures and included in the Second Annual Report. The large number of cases filed in the heavily populated counties and the city are obvious.

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH MAY 31, 1957

FIRST CIRCUIT  
Dorchester County  
Somerset County  
Wicomico County  
Worcester County

	PENDING AUG. 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF MAY		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL FIRST CIRCUIT	876	691	185	1606	1306	300	1534	1175	359	948	822	126
Law	312	287	25	637	609	28	624	599	25	325	297	28
Equity	326	326	0	520	520	0	388	388	0	458	458	0
Criminal	238	78	160	449	177	272	522	188	334	165	67	98
DORCHESTER COUNTY	105	99	6	297	193	104	226	155	71	176	137	39
Law	37	36	1	77	72	5	82	79	3	32	29	3
Equity	57	57	0	104	104	0	58	58	0	103	103	0
Criminal	11	6	5	116	17	99	86	18	68	41	5	36
SOMERSET COUNTY	177	139	38	267	236	31	279	231	48	165	144	21
Law	79	69	10	118	113	5	127	124	3	70	58	12
Equity	62	62	0	85	85	0	79	79	0	68	68	0
Criminal	36	8	28	64	38	26	73	28	45	27	18	9
WICOMICO COUNTY	322	255	67	638	518	120	609	454	155	351	319	32
Law	99	86	13	237	222	15	221	204	17	115	104	11
Equity	142	142	0	237	237	0	176	176	0	203	203	0
Criminal	81	27	54	164	59	105	212	74	138	33	12	21
WORCESTER COUNTY	272	198	74	404	359	45	420	335	85	256	222	34
Law	97	96	1	205	202	3	194	192	2	108	106	2
Equity	65	65	0	94	94	0	75	75	0	84	84	0
Criminal	110	37	73	105	63	42	151	68	83	64	32	32

Table #3

FIRST CIRCUIT

Dorchester County  
Somerset County  
Wicomico County  
Worcester County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH MAY 31, 1957

LAW	Total Cases	Percent	EQUITY	Total Cases	Percent	CRIMINAL	Total Cases	Percent
Kind of Case	609	100.0	Kind of Case	520	100.0	Kind of Case	177	100.0
Motor Tort	64	10.5	Adoption	37	7.1	Bastardy	34	19.2
Other Tort	9	1.5	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	264	50.8	Desertion & Non-Support	3	1.7
Confessed Judgment	235	38.6	Foreclosure	72	13.8	Other Criminal	140	79.1
Other Contract	159	26.1	Other	147	28.3			
Condemnation	16	2.6						
Habeas Corpus	9	1.5						
Other Law	117	19.2						

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LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH MAY 31, 1957

SECOND CIRCUIT  
 Caroline County  
 Cecil County  
 Kent County  
 Queen Anne's  
 Talbot

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	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF MAY		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL SECOND CIRCUIT	604	558	46	1340	1217	123	1107	984	123	837	791	46
Law	249	240	9	639	625	14	504	494	10	384	371	13
Equity	275	275	0	393	393	0	281	281	0	387	387	0
Criminal	80	43	37	308	199	109	322	209	113	66	33	33
CAROLINE COUNTY	54	52	2	171	150	21	144	122	22	81	80	1
Law	20	18	2	67	66	1	58	55	3	29	29	0
Equity	32	32	0	68	68	0	51	51	0	49	49	0
Criminal	2	2	0	36	16	20	35	16	19	3	2	1
CECIL COUNTY	233	215	18	463	429	34	316	293	23	380	351	29
Law	92	89	3	259	248	11	184	180	4	167	157	10
Equity	110	110	0	148	148	0	84	84	0	174	174	0
Criminal	31	16	15	56	33	23	48	29	19	39	20	19
KENT COUNTY	120	117	3	282	267	15	234	220	14	168	164	4
Law	63	62	1	138	138	0	110	110	0	91	90	1
Equity	52	52	0	64	64	0	45	45	0	71	71	0
Criminal	5	3	2	80	65	15	79	65	14	6	3	3
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	93	83	10	228	195	33	211	175	36	110	103	7
Law	49	48	1	89	87	2	81	79	2	57	56	1
Equity	33	33	0	56	56	0	49	49	0	40	40	0
Criminal	11	2	9	83	52	31	81	47	34	13	7	6
TALBOT COUNTY	104	91	13	196	176	20	202	174	28	98	93	5
Law	25	23	2	86	86	0	71	70	1	40	39	1
Equity	48	48	0	57	57	0	52	52	0	53	53	0
Criminal	31	20	11	53	33	20	79	52	27	5	1	4

Table #3

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH MAY 31, 1957

SECOND CIRCUIT  
Caroline County  
Cecil County  
Kent County  
Queen Anne County  
Talbot County

LAW			EQUITY			CRIMINAL		
Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent
Motor Tort	45	7.2	Adoption	58	14.8	Bastardy	13	6.5
Other Tort	16	2.6	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	181	46.0	Desertion & Non-Support	9	4.5
Confessed Judgments	258	41.3	Foreclosure	46	11.7	Other Criminal	177	89.0
Other Contract	139	22.2	Other Equity	108	27.5			
Condemnation	15	2.4						
Habeas Corpus	9	1.4						
Other Law	143	22.9						

Table #3

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH MAY 31, 1957

THIRD CIRCUIT

Baltimore County  
Harford County

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	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF MAY		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL SECOND CIRCUIT	2526	2247	279	3487	3100	387	2164	1903	261	3849	3444	405
Law	1209	1031	178	1467	1318	149	816	778	38	1860	1571	289
Equity	1131	1131	0	1356	1356	0	734	734	0	1753	1753	0
Criminal	186	85	101	664	426	238	614	391	223	236	120	116
BALTIMORE COUNTY	2207	1946	261	2800	2475	325	1646	1443	203	3361	2978	383
Law	1059	892	167	1153	1016	137	590	560	30	1622	1348	274
Equity	977	977	0	1112	1112	0	558	558	0	1531	1531	0
Criminal	171	77	94	535	347	188	498	325	173	208	99	109
HARFORD COUNTY	319	301	18	687	625	62	518	460	58	488	466	22
Law	150	139	11	314	302	12	226	218	8	238	223	15
Equity	154	154	0	244	244	0	176	176	0	222	222	0
Criminal	15	8	7	129	79	50	116	66	50	28	21	7

Table #3

THIRD CIRCUIT

Baltimore County  
Harford County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH MAY 31, 1957

LAW	Total Cases	Percent	EQUITY	Total Cases	Percent	CRIMINAL	Total Cases	Percent
Kind of Case	1318	100.0	Kind of Case	1356	100.0	Kind of Case	426	100.0
Motor Tort	354	26.9	Adoption	181	13.3	Bastardy	41	9.6
Other Tort	65	4.9	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	615	45.4	Desertion & Non-Support	69	16.2
Confessed Judgment	200	15.2	Foreclosure	197	14.5	Other Criminal	316	74.2
Other Contract	429	32.5	Other	363	26.8			
Condemnation	26	2.0						
Habeas Corpus	40	3.0						
Other Law	204	15.5						

Table #3

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH MAY 31, 1957

FOURTH CIRCUIT  
Allegany County  
Garrett County  
Washington County

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF MAY		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL FOURTH CIRCUIT	610	499	111	2279	1986	293	2004	1682	322	885	803	82
Law	207	181	26	1128	1049	79	942	875	67	393	355	38
Equity	303	303	0	662	662	0	551	551	0	414	414	0
Criminal	100	15	85	489	275	214	511	256	255	78	34	44
ALLEGANY COUNTY	253	200	53	922	821	101	815	702	113	360	319	41
Law	76	55	21	463	422	41	413	374	39	126	103	23
Equity	143	143	0	305	305	0	236	236	0	212	212	0
Criminal	34	2	32	154	94	60	166	92	74	22	4	18
GARRETT COUNTY	100	87	13	329	292	37	250	221	29	179	158	21
Law	37	34	3	178	172	6	105	102	3	110	104	6
Equity	42	42	0	82	82	0	94	94	0	30	30	0
Criminal	21	11	10	69	38	31	51	25	26	39	24	15
WASHINGTON COUNTY	257	212	45	1028	873	155	939	759	180	346	326	20
Law	94	92	2	487	455	32	424	399	25	157	148	9
Equity	118	118	0	275	275	0	221	221	0	172	172	0
Criminal	45	2	43	266	143	123	294	139	155	17	6	11

Table #3

FOURTH CIRCUIT

Allegany County  
Garrett County  
Washington County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH MAY 31, 1957

LAW	Total Cases	Percent	EQUITY	Total Cases	Percent	CRIMINAL	Total Cases	Percent
	1049	100.0		662	100.0		275	100.0
Motor Tort	213	20.3	Adoption	81	12.2	Bastardy	46	16.7
Other Tort	124	11.8	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	395	59.7	Desertion & Non-Support	3	1.1
Confessed Judgment	225	21.4	Foreclosure	29	4.4	Other Criminal	226	82.2
Other Contract	14	1.3	Other	157	23.7			
Condemnation	196	18.7						
Habeas Corpus	22	2.1						
Other Law	255	24.4						

Table #3

LAW CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH MAY 31, 1957

FIFTH CIRCUIT  
Anne Arundel County  
Carroll County  
Howard County

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF MAY		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL FIFTH CIRCUIT	1208	1126	82	2731	2595	136	2328	2178	150	1611	1543	68
Law	477	451	26	1465	1438	27	1226	1201	25	716	688	28
Equity	540	540	0	841	841	0	619	619	0	762	762	0
Criminal	191	135	56	425	316	109	483	358	125	133	93	40
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	874	837	37	1718	1653	65	1406	1347	59	1186	1143	43
Law	342	327	15	792	779	20	653	640	13	488	466	22
Equity	434	434	0	655	655	0	480	480	0	609	609	0
Criminal	98	76	22	264	219	45	273	227	46	89	68	21
CARROLL COUNTY	192	162	30	608	577	31	507	457	50	293	282	11
Law	109	99	10	458	452	6	382	371	11	185	180	5
Equity	52	52	0	98	98	0	51	51	0	99	99	0
Criminal	31	11	20	52	27	25	74	35	39	9	3	6
HOWARD COUNTY	142	127	15	405	365	40	415	374	41	132	118	14
Law	26	25	1	208	207	1	191	190	1	43	42	1
Equity	54	54	0	88	88	0	88	88	0	54	54	0
Criminal	62	48	14	109	70	39	136	96	40	35	22	13

Table #3

FIFTH CIRCUIT

Anne Arundel County  
Carroll County  
Howard County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH MAY 31, 1957

LAW	Total Cases	Percent	EQUITY	Total Cases	Percent	CRIMINAL	Total Cases	Percent
Kind of Case	1438	100.0	Kind of Case	841	100.0	Kind of Case	316	100.0
Motor Tort	155	10.8	Adoption	97	11.5	Bastardy	34	10.8
Other Tort	101	7.0	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	386	45.9	Desertion & Non-Support	19	6.0
Confessed Judgment	369	25.7	Foreclosure	149	17.7	Other Criminal	263	83.2
Other Contract	401	27.9	Other	209	24.9			
Condemnation	182	12.6						
Habeas Corpus	35	2.4						
Other Law	195	13.6						

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LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH MAY 31, 1957

SIXTH CIRCUIT

Frederick County  
Montgomery County

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	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF MAY		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL SIXTH CIRCUIT	1567	1405	162	3003	2725	278	2415	2100	315	2155	2030	125
Law	782	729	53	1482	1414	68	1117	1062	55	1147	1081	66
Equity	611	611	0	1086	1086	0	844	844	0	853	853	0
Criminal	174	65	109	435	225	210	454	194	260	155	96	59
FREDERICK COUNTY	279	237	42	655	589	66	584	502	82	350	324	26
Law	105	102	3	278	275	3	227	225	2	156	152	4
Equity	127	127	0	218	218	0	180	180	0	165	165	0
Criminal	47	8	39	159	96	63	177	97	80	29	7	22
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	1288	1168	120	2348	2136	212	1831	1598	233	1805	1706	99
Law	677	627	50	1204	1139	65	890	837	53	991	929	62
Equity	484	484	0	868	868	0	664	664	0	688	688	0
Criminal	127	57	70	276	129	147	277	97	180	126	89	37

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SIXTH CIRCUIT  
 Frederick County  
 Montgomery County

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH MAY 31, 1957

LAW			EQUITY			CRIMINAL		
Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent
	1414	100.0		1086	100.0		225	100.0
Motor Tort	184	13.1	Adoption	141	13.1	Bastardy	22	9.8
Other Tort	108	7.7	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	533	49.1	Desertion & Non-Support	0	0
Confessed Judgment	317	22.1	Foreclosure	108	9.9	Other Criminal	203	90.2
Other Contract	415	29.4	Other	304	27.9			
Condemnation	49	3.5						
Habeas Corpus	23	1.7						
Other Law	318	22.5						

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LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH MAY 31, 1957

SEVENTH CIRCUIT  
Calvert County  
Charles County  
Prince Georges County  
St. Marys County

	<u>PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956</u>			<u>FILED</u>			<u>TERMINATED</u>			<u>PENDING END OF MAY</u>		
	<u>Cases and Appeals</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Appeals</u>	<u>Cases and Appeals</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Appeals</u>	<u>Cases and Appeals</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Appeals</u>	<u>Cases and Appeals</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Appeals</u>
<u>TOTAL SEVENTH CIRCUIT</u>	2279	1774	505	4049	3136	913	3112	2260	852	3216	2650	566
<u>Law</u>	888	753	135	1396	1229	167	842	662	180	1442	1320	122
<u>Equity</u>	870	870	0	1357	1357	0	1056	1056	0	1171	1171	0
<u>Criminal</u>	521	151	370	1296	550	746	1214	542	672	603	159	444
<u>CALVERT COUNTY</u>	148	74	74	279	152	127	311	119	192	116	107	9
<u>Law</u>	67	30	37	124	75	49	135	49	86	56	56	0
<u>Equity</u>	39	39	0	37	37	0	37	37	0	39	39	0
<u>Criminal</u>	42	5	37	118	40	78	139	33	106	21	12	9
<u>CHARLES COUNTY</u>	146	126	20	318	297	21	283	255	28	181	168	13
<u>Law</u>	50	42	8	119	114	5	111	104	7	58	52	6
<u>Equity</u>	56	56	0	75	75	0	45	45	0	86	86	0
<u>Criminal</u>	40	28	12	124	108	16	127	106	21	37	30	7
<u>PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY</u>	1775	1391	384	3087	2408	679	2306	1730	576	2556	2069	487
<u>Law</u>	682	601	81	1046	938	108	554	467	87	1174	1072	102
<u>Equity</u>	691	691	0	1120	1120	0	905	905	0	906	906	0
<u>Criminal</u>	402	99	303	921	350	571	847	358	489	476	91	385
<u>ST. MARY'S COUNTY</u>	210	183	27	365	279	86	212	156	56	363	306	57
<u>Law</u>	89	80	9	107	102	5	42	42	0	154	140	14
<u>Equity</u>	84	84	0	125	125	0	69	69	0	140	140	0
<u>Criminal</u>	37	19	18	133	52	81	101	45	56	69	26	43

Table #3

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

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SEVENTH CIRCUIT

Calvert County  
Charles County  
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LAW			EQUITY			CRIMINAL		
Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent	Kind of Case	Total Cases	Percent
Motor Tort	197	16.0	Adoption	172	12.7	Bastardy	97	17.6
Other Tort	72	5.7	Divorce, Nullity Maintenance	733	54.0	Desertion & Non-Support	8	1.5
Confessed Judgments	192	15.5	Foreclosure	177	13.0	Other Criminal	445	80.2
Other Contract	156	12.6	Other Equity	275	20.3			
Condemnation	40	4.0						
Habeas Corpus	44	4.4						
Other Law	528	41.8						

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING

EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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IN THE  
COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY

FOR PERIOD COVERING SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 THROUGH MAY 31, 1957

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1956			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF MAY		
	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Cases and Appeals	Cases	Appeals
TOTAL - LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY	9304	8579	725	16,275	14,836	1,389	12,324	10,841	1,483	13,255	12,624	631
TOTAL - LAW COURTS	4459	3819	640	6102	5447	655*	4348	3635	713	6213	5631	582
Superior	2425	2288	137	3436	3306	130	2394	2321	73	3467	3273	194
Common Pleas	358	314	44	243	224	19	208	183	25	393	355	38
Baltimore City Ct.	1676	1217	459	2423	1917	506	1746	1131	615	2353	2003	350
TOTAL - EQUITY CTS.	4108	4108	0	5143	5143	0	2807	2807	0	6444	6444	0
**Circuit Court	1741	1741	0	2280	2280	0	1372	1372	0	2649	2649	0
**Circuit Court No.2	2367	2367	0	2863	2863	0	1435	1435	0	3795	3795	0
TOTAL - CRIMINAL CT.	737	652	85	5030	4296	734	5169	4399	770	598	549	49

\*\* September, November, January and March Terms (September 3, 1956 to May 6, 1957)

\* Of the 655 appeals to the law courts, 354 were from the People's Court of Baltimore City, excluding removals, 301 being other appeals.

Of the 734 appeals to the Criminal Court, 449 were from the Traffic Courts, while 285 were other appeals.

DOMESTIC INFORMATION  
CRIMINAL COURT

Total Filed during period -	867
Open September 1, 1956 - -	380
Stats stricken out - - - -	42
Motion for New Trial Granted -	1
Total - - - -	1290
Disposed of in court - - -	1189
Open end of May - - - - -	101

Table #3A

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION TABLE FOR CASES FILED

EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN THE COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY

SEPTEMBER 1, 1956 - MAY 31, 1957

LAW COURTS			EQUITY *			CRIMINAL		
SUPERIOR, COMMON PLEAS, BALTIMORE CITY COURT	Total Cases	Percent	CIRCUIT COURT CIRCUIT COURT No. 2	Total Cases	Percent	CRIMINAL COURT OF BALTIMORE	Total Cases	Percent
Kind of Case	5147	100.0	Kind of Case	5143	100.0	Kind of Case	4296	100.0
Motor Tort	1688	31.0	Adoption	361	7.0	Bastardy	343	8.0
Other Tort	649	11.9	Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	2552	49.6	Desertion & Non-Support	454	10.6
Confessed Judgment	736	13.6	Foreclosure	825	16.1	Other Criminal	3499	81.4
Other Contract	1591	29.2	Other	1405	27.3			
Condemnation	49	.9						
Habeas Corpus	178	3.2						
Other Law	556	10.2						

\* September, November, January and March Terms (September 3, 1956 to May 6, 1957)

Table #3A

TRIALS HELD

Statistical tables of trials held and time span averages between the filing of cases and their final disposition are being compiled from the monthly reports received from the clerks' offices. This information, with comparative figures of jury and non-jury law and criminal cases, is to be computed and reported on a twelve month basis to guard against any distortion which might be caused by a few cases heard over a limited period.

# C. JUVENILE CAUSES

JUVENILE CAUSES FILED, CONCLUDED AND PENDING

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IN

THE CIRCUIT COURTS FOR THE COUNTIES

AND

THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY (JUVENILE DIVISION)

	Pending August 31, 1956				Petitions Filed September 1, 1956 to May 31, 1957				Concluded September 1, 1956 to May 31, 1957				Pending May 31, 1957			
	Total	Delin- quency	Depend- ant & Negl'd	Adult	Total	Delin- quency	Depend- ant & Negl'd	Adult	Total	Delin- quency	Depend- ant & Negl'd	Adult	Total	Delin- quency	Depend- ant & Negl'd	Adult
Baltimore City	573	372	160	41	3722	2341	1147	234	3650	2377	1060	213	645	336	247	62
Anne Arundel County	26	23	1	2	353	309	34	10	351	305	35	11	28	27	0	1
Baltimore County	242	152	60	30	1123	829	254	40	1070	856	273	41	195	125	41	29
Calvert County	4	1	3	0	31	21	2	8	27	19	2	6	8	3	3	2
Caroline County	3	1	2	0	41	22	19	0	44	23	21	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll County	4	4	0	0	69	62	7	0	73	66	7	0	0	0	0	0
Cecil County	15	10	3	2	46	30	7	9	37	28	4	5	24	12	6	6
Charles County	12	8	2	2	45	33	5	7	39	33	2	4	18	8	5	5
Dorchester County	2	1	0	1	35	17	11	7	24	16	7	1	13	2	4	7
Frederick County	0	0	0	0	49	42	7	0	48	41	7	0	1	1	0	0
Garrett County	1	1	0	0	10	2	5	3	9	2	4	3	2	1	1	0
Harford County	0	0	0	0	148	60	87	1	143	56	86	1	5	4	1	0
Howard County	0	0	0	0	79	73	0	6	79	73	0	6	0	0	0	0
Kent County	9	2	5	2	91	52	35	4	73	37	30	6	27	17	10	0
Queen Anne's County	22	7	15	0	112	40	72	0	108	41	67	0	26	6	20	0
St. Mary's County	3	3	0	0	30	30	0	0	29	29	0	0	4	4	0	0
Somerset County	9	8	1	0	32	21	10	1	37	26	10	1	4	3	1	0
Talbot County	8	3	3	2	69	50	16	3	71	48	19	4	6	5	0	1
Wicomico County	5	2	3	0	78	67	10	1	59	50	9	0	24	19	4	1
Worcester County	9	5	4	0	55	46	8	1	60	48	12	0	4	3	0	1

In the following counties Juvenile causes are handled at the trial magistrate level: Allegany, Prince George's, Montgomery and Washington. In Garrett County, the trial magistrate has had concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Court, but under Chapter 50 of the Acts of 1957, effective June 1, 1957, the Circuit Court will have exclusive jurisdiction.